IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR

CIVIL APPLICATION NO.2915 OF 2007
IN WRIT PETITION NO.536 OF 2007.
(Premlal Dayaram Bisen & oth. Vs. State of Mah. & oth.)

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram, appearances, Court's orders or directions and Registrar's orders.	Court's or Judge's orders

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CORAM : A.H.JOSHI AND
R.C.CHAVAN, JJ.
DATED : JULY 18, 2007.

1. In response to the inquiry made by the Court as to within how much time Government would take decision, the learned A.G.P. informs, on the basis of copy of communication received by him, addressed by Desk Officer, Revenue & Forest Department to the Divisional Commissioner, Nagpur, informing that it would needs six months' time.

2. We find that if the Government is not in a position to decide the statutory remedy resorted to by the petitioner within a reasonable time, the petitioner would be justified in making

prayer for stay of the proceedings. However, staying land acquisition proceedings means delaying the project and increasing burden on public exchequer, however, we find no responsive urge from the State.

2. In view of this, we direct that further steps of Land Acquisition Proceedings No.3/A-65/03-04, pending before the Land Acquisition Officer, Project-3, Gondia, be stayed till decision of application under Section 15-A which is pending before the State Government.

3. We make it clear that the Government is at liberty to expeditiously decide the case in order that public interest is not prejudiced.

4. With this direction the Civil Application is disposed of.

JUDGE. **JUDGE.**

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